

REMARKS

In response to the Decision on Appeal decided January 27, 2010, Applicant has amended the application as required. Claims 1-11 and 30-64 have been cancelled. Examiner's rejections of claims 12 and 16 were reversed by the board and have now been written in independent form and including the limitations of all parent claims. Applicant submits that claims 12 and 16 are now allowable and requests reconsideration.

Claims 13-15 and 17-29 are now dependent from allowable claims 12 or 16 and are thus allowable under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant requests reconsideration.

35 U.S. C § 112 states in part that a claim in dependent form shall contain a reference to a claim previously set forth and then specify a further limitation of the subject matter claimed. A claim in dependent form shall be construed to incorporate by reference all the limitations of the claim to which it refers.

As currently submitted, claims 12 and 16, as well as dependant claims 13-15 and 17-29, include the limitation of a "perimeter flange," which the Appeal Board specifically addressed as being novel.

It is respectively submitted that the remaining claims of the application should be made allowable. However, if there are any matters which need clarification, or if there are any of these matters which the Examiner feels could be expedited by a telephone conference with the undersigned, such would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number set forth below.

Signed at Ferndale, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this February 15,

2010.

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